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Promotion of Poultry Sector
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the poultry farmers bear huge losses every year due to sizzling temperature and water shortage in summer season across the country resulting in death of birds and reduced production of eggs and broilers;

(b) if so, the details of the estimated loss incurred by the poultry farmers in each of the last three years; and

(c) the various measures taken by the Government to launch a save poultry campaign by educating farmers to follow certain measures to insulate birds from sizzling heat?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has not received any specific information from States/UTs regarding high mortality or loss of production due to high temperature and water shortage in summer season. There is also no specific study on estimated loss incurred by the poultry farmers due to sizzling temperature and water shortage in summer season across the country. However, it is a known fact that poultry is sensitive and high heat stress can cause mortality and production loss.

(c) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has prepared and released a Disaster Management Plan for protecting animals and preventing and mitigating loss of livestock resources during disasters in consultation with National Disaster Management Authority and various State Governments. Some States like Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have also come out with specific action plan during heat wave to prevent losses to livestock and poultry. Besides, in general, Government shares advisories on various management aspects including summer and high temperature through various media.

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